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TAGS: CASC(PEOPLE'S TEMPLE)
SUBJECT: IDENTITY OF VESSELS BELONGING TO PEOPLE'S TEMPLE GROUP IN GUYANA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY John Simms DATE 2-26-81
PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

1. EMBASSY LEARNED TODAY THAT WHAT ARE RUMORED TO BE TWO SHIPS BELONGING TO THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE GROUP IN GUYANA. THE "CUDJOE" AND THE "MARCELINE," ARE ACTUALLY THE SAME SHIP. IT IS A 72 FOOT FISHING TRAWLER OFFICIALLY REGISTERED AS THE "CUDJOE", BUT PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MEMBERS CALLED IT THE "MARCELINE" AFTER THE REV. JIM JONES' WIFE. APPARENTLY PEOPLE'S TEMPLE LOOKED INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF RE-REGISTERING THE SHIP UNDER THE NAME "MARCELINE" BUT DECIDED THE TROUBLE AND EXPENSE OF SUCH RE-REGISTRY MADE IT IMPRACTICAL.
2. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT PEOPLE'S TEMPLE HAS ONLY ONE OTHER SHIP, THE "ALBATROSS," A 350 TON FREIGHTER, WHICH WAS IN TRINIDAD AT THE TIME OF THE MASS SUICIDE.
3. EMBASSY WAS ADVISED THE ABOVE BY [redacted] E B6
WHO, TOGETHER WITH [redacted] SAILED THE "CUDJOE" DOWN E B6
THE RIVER KAITUMA ON THE MORNING OF SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER. MORE ON THAT FOLLOW. THE INFORMATION WAS CONFIRMED BY [redacted] AND [redacted] OF THE PT GROUP BEING E B6 E B6
HELD AT THE LAMAHA HEADQUARTERS IN GEORGETOWN. TO THE BEST

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OF OUR KNOWLEDGE [redacted] HAS HAD NO CONTACT YET WITH THE LAMAHA E B6
GROUP, AND SINCE THE INFORMATION THAT WAS GIVEN SEPARATELY BY BOTH GROUPS IS IDENTICAL IT APPEARS ACCURATE.
4. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH CONOFFS TODAY, [redacted] ADVISED US OF THE E B6
FOLLOWING: THAT HE AND [redacted] WERE ORDERED BY AN UNNAMED E B6
ASSISTANT TO THE REV. JONES TO SAIL THE "CUDJOE" DOWN THE KAITUMA RIVER TO THE PORT OF MABARUMA, NEAR THE RIVER'S MOUTH. HE AND [redacted] SAILED FROM THE JONESTOWN AREA AT 8:30 E B6
IN THE MORNING ON SATURDAY, 18 NOV. THEY WERE NOT GIVEN ANY REASON FOR THE VOYAGE WHEN THEY RECEIVED THEIR ORDERS TO SAIL. [redacted] SAID THAT HE AND [redacted] WERE THE E B6 E B6
ONLY PERSONS ON BOARD THE "CUDJOE" WHEN IT SAILED FROM JONESTOWN. [redacted] ALSO SAID THAT HE AND [redacted] WERE TAKEN INTO CUSSODY BY E B6 E B6
GUYANESE AUTHORITIES SOME TIME AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN MABARUMA. THE EXACT DATE OF THEIR BEING TAKEN INTO CUSTODY IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME.
5. GUYANESE AUTHORITIES HAVE CONFIRMED THAT ONLY TWO PEOPLE'S

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